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SUBJECT: HAMILTON SUB-COMMITTEE TESTIMONY ON DIEGO GARCIA

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1. MOST DELHI PAPERS JUNE 7 CARRIED AP REPORT OF NOYES
AND VEST TESTIMONY ON DIEGO GARCIA BEFORE HAMILTON SUB-
COMMITTEE JUNE 5. REPORT QUOTED THEM AS EMPHASIZING
IMPORTANCE OF DIEGO GARCIA TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM OF SEA-LANES
AND PROVIDED NO NEW FACTS OR FIGURES. UNIQUELY, WARREN
UNNA STROY IN STATESMAN BEGAN, "THE PENTAGON ACKNOWLEDGED
YESTERDAY THAT ITS 'AUSTERE COMMUNUCATIONS FACILITY' ON THE
BRITISH-OWNED INDIAN OCEAN ATOLL OF DIEGO GARCIA WAS NOW
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COSTING \$173 MILLION--INSTEAD OF THE \$32.3 MILLION

ORIGINALLY PORTRAYED--AND THAT ABOUT \$100 MILLION HAD ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE." UNNA QUOTED NOYES AS TELLING THE COMMITTEE, "IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS ESTIMATE DID NOT FORESEE SUCCESSIVE DELAYS WHICH WILL NOW PUSH THE COMPLETION DATE TO THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 1975, OR LATER, SO THE TOTAL COST MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE INCREASED DUE TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURE." ALSO, THE NAVAL FACILITIES HOPEFULLY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN A "NORMAL AIRCRAFT-CARRIER TASK FORCE IN A CONTINGENCY SITUATION FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 30 DAYS." LATER ON, UNNA REPORTED THAT THERE ALREADY ARE 1060 "PENTAGON PERSONNEL" ON DIEGO GARCIA.

2. APPRECIATE TEXT VEST TESTIMONY (REFTEL). COULD WE ALSO HAVE NOYES TEXT? SINCE WE HAVE STRESSED THE MINIMAL COST OF THE FACILITY--EVEN AFTER THE EXPANSION--WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT MAGNITUDES WE'RE NOW TALKING ABOUT.
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